PETITION

OF

JOHN ADLUM,

STATING THAT HE HAD PREPARED

A TREATISE ON THE CULTIVATION OF THE VINE,

AND THE

MANUFACTURE OF WINE THEREFROM:

AND PRAYING THAT

ENCOURAGEMENT BE EXTENDED TO HIM,

BY RENDERING SAID TREATISE USEFUL TO THE UNITED STATES,

AND OF

ADVANTAGE TO HIMSELF.

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Your petitioner would further represent, that we have all the climates and latitudes of the best wine countries of Europe; and that he has succeeded in the making of wines which were pronounced by good judges, "worthy the best vineyards in France," and he has now on hand various wines of a good quality, which he is desirous of introducing to your patronage; and he has also written and compiled a memoir on the cultivation of the vine, and making wine, which he also wishes to recommend to your honorable body; and if it is thought to possess merit sufficient to be of any advantage to the public, he respectfully solicits your attention to it, so far, that you will take such steps, as you may think proper, to render it useful to the United States, and of some advantage to your petitioner. And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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